

## Israel denies 'allowing' Arab League troops to move south

**Jerusalem Post Staff**  
Officials in Jerusalem last night denied a Beirut report which claimed that Israel has explicitly agreed to the advance of the predominantly Syrian Arab League peace-keeping forces to south Lebanon.

The officials asserted that Israel was "not approached, asked, or consulted" about the alleged advance.

The officials added that Jerusalem's position remains unchanged, noting that the advance of any non-Lebanese forces to the border area would be considered a hostile act. Israel has set a red line, north of the Litani River, as a limit for the advance of non-Lebanese troops.

A UPI report late last night from Beirut quoted a highly placed political source as saying that with a grudging U.S.-related green light from Jerusalem, Arab League troops have been slated to move for the first time into southern Lebanon in a bid to cap 10 months of frontier fighting between Palestinian terrorists and Israeli-backed rightists.

UPI quoted the same source as saying that in return for Israel's milestone go-ahead, Lebanon and Syria agreed to meet Jerusalem demands that the Arab troop force be nominally under the command of Lebanon's fragile postwar army, and that the large majority of Palestinians leave the frontier area.

The officials in Jerusalem said that they were treating the UPI dispatch as "yet one more of these reports" flowing from Beirut every day. They nevertheless said that Jerusalem was watching closely developments in the region.

Earlier reports from Beirut described Lebanon's southern border with Israel as "exploding" in artillery, tank and machinegun fire after "a few hours of calm."

In the Bekaa Valley town of Shoura, east of Beirut, Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Butros and Syrian counterpart Abdel Halim Khaddam met to activate a stalled Syrian-engineered cease-fire plan for the border region.

Fighting "exploded" between rightist positions in the southeast border town of Marjayoun, backed by Israeli artillery, and Palestinian leftists in Ebel es-Selk, Khiam, Rachaya, el-Jehar, Biat and El-Hadad, UPI quoted a Lebanese reporter in the area as saying.

He said the rightist town of Klee was also involved in the fighting, which he said came "after a few hours of calm" Tuesday and left at least two dead, eight wounded and "destroyed a number of houses" in the border area before tapering off shortly after dawn.

Tuesday's reported calm came as hundreds of Syrian and other Arab troops launched house-to-house searches and beefed up patrols

in the Chouf Hill region 50 km. north, where fierce sectarian clashes erupted around a requiem mass Sunday.

Syrian and Lebanese officials issued optimistic statements indicating the Arab troop force had effectively capped the fighting, which Christian villagers, reached by telephone, said trickled on in "very occasional" sniper fire between Christian and Druse-Moslem villages Tuesday night.

No new fighting in the Chouf, a mere 30 km. southeast of Beirut, was reported early yesterday.

The Butros-Khaddam meeting, originally scheduled for last week, focused on the southern cease-fire, which was agreed on in separate Syrian-Lebanese meetings with the warring sides last month, but has been undermined by a 15-day escalation in the border clashes.

Leftist reports, meanwhile, charged that the rightist troop commander in Marjayoun had asked a local Catholic bishop to sign a petition favouring annexation of the town to Israel. The reports said both the bishop and "about 90 per cent of the town's inhabitants" rejected the idea.

Merjayoun, like virtually all border towns on both sides of the fighting, has witnessed an exodus of most of its population as the mounting clashes have driven some 200,000 refugees from the impoverished agricultural south.

## PLO expected to reject 242 today

**BEIRUT (Reuters).** — Leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organization meet in Damascus today to draft policy recommendations that are virtually certain to reflect the PLO's rejection of UN Security Council Resolution 242 which governs the Israel-Arab peace negotiations in Geneva.

The Damascus meeting of the 56-member Palestine Central Committee (PCC), expected to last two days, was called to clarify the Palestinian stand on international efforts to bring peace to the volatile Middle East.

The meeting follows U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's Middle East tour earlier this month and American suggestions that the PLO should recognize Resolution 242 in prelude to resuming the Geneva peace conference.

Senior Palestinian officials here and in Damascus have predicted that the Central Council would formally reject the U.S. notion, which aims mainly at achieving a PLO's *de facto* recognition of Israel as well as

at incorporating the PLO in forthcoming peace deliberations. The PLO has often reaffirmed its commitment to a charter which denies Israel's right to exist.

Contrary to Western press reports that the PCC might shift to a more moderate line, PLO officials said they felt the majority in the committee was in no mood for moderation. Many members are more receptive to the arguments of hard-line "rejectionists" than they were before Vance's visit, they said.

The Central Committee, a liaison body between the Palestine National Council (PNC) — the Palestinians' "parliament" — and the PLO Executive Committee (cabinet) has no powers to take binding decisions. Major policy changes must be sanctioned by the National Council. But the Central Committee's composition is similar to that of the National Council, and its recommendations have major impact on the decisions of the "parliament-in-exile."

According to Palestinian officials,

the Central Committee is expected to reaffirm the 15-point programme adopted by the last PNC meeting in March, which ruled out Palestinian attendance of a resumed Geneva peace conference on the basis of the 1967 UN security council's resolution 242.

The PLO objects to the resolution because it refers to the Palestinian issue as a refugee problem and makes no mention of Palestinian national rights — including their claim to an independent state.

Vance's tour caused a flurry of reports that the PLO was contemplating changing its attitude on Resolution 242. But the PLO leadership has since made clear its view that the Security Council should change its guidelines instead.

According to unconfirmed reports, the leadership of the biggest PLO faction, Fatah, has been drafting proposals for a new Security Council declaration on the lines of UN General Assembly resolutions which called for Palestinian self-

## British Ambassador meets with PLO

**DAMASCUS (AP).** — Britain made its first official contact with the Palestine Liberation Organization last weekend, officials reported.

A British embassy spokesman confirmed that the ambassador to Syria, James Craig, met Saturday at the PLO offices in Damascus with Khaled Fahoum, chairman of the PLO Central Council.

Palestinian sources said the British ambassador expressed his government's opposition to Israel's recent moves to legalize new settlements in the administered territories. The British embassy also voiced his "understanding" of Palestinian problems, a PLO

spokesman said. Evidently pleased with the meeting, the PLO spokesman said Craig used "a new language in Britain's political vocabulary." He did not elaborate further, and the British embassy did not report details of the meeting.

The British Foreign Office in London, while confirming the meeting took place, denied any change in its policy — non-recognition of the PLO as long as the organization continues to call for the destruction of Israel as a Jewish state.

The Jerusalem Post's Washington correspondent adds: The American Jewish leadership

meets today to discuss what action, if any, it should take to counter the apparent shift in U.S. policy toward the PLO.

The meeting, which will be behind closed doors and off limits to the press, will also focus on other U.S.-Israeli differences, including the controversial matter of new Jewish settlements on the West Bank.

Rabbi Alexander Schneider, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, will chair the meeting, during which only presidents and executive directors of the 52-member organization will participate.

## Russia advises Arafat against accepting UN Resolution 242

**BEIRUT (AP).** — The Soviet Union has cautioned Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization against a hasty recognition of Israel, the independent Beirut newspaper "an-Nahar" reported yesterday.

It quoted diplomatic sources as saying that the Kremlin advised the PLO to delay acceptance of UN Security Council Resolution 242, recognizing Israel's right to exist within secure boundaries until the PLO was willing to reverse its position on the resolution if the U.S.

sponsored an amendment that would recognize the Palestinian people's right to statehood. Arafat, however, said in Cairo on Tuesday the PLO was awaiting "changes on the international scene" before making a decision on the resolution.

Arafat met three times with Soviet ambassador Alexander Soldatov in Beirut last week.

"The Kremlin messages to Arafat cautioned that a PLO acceptance of the resolution at this stage may go in vain," said "an-Nahar."

## Gov't pushes through 'Alignment' budget

**By MOSHE KOHN**  
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday passed the 1977 Fiscal Year Budget Law on its third and final reading by a vote of 62-22. The budget calls for an expenditure of IL133.96b.

The Democratic Movement for Change voted with the coalition in the final show of hands on the budget as a whole. In the vote on the second reading, when a show of hands was called for on each of the 100 sections of the budget and on the approximately 60 amendments proposed by opposition parties, DMC members sometimes voted *en bloc* with the coalition or with the opposition, and sometimes their votes were split between the two.

In fact, the DMC members were not in the plenary for most of the vote, which began shortly after 2 p.m. The vote followed nearly three hours of discussion in which the acting chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, the National Religious Party's Avraham Melamed, presented the budget for its two final readings. About 20 MKs

presented and explained their proposed amendments, and Melamed responded by proposing that all the amendments be rejected.

At 1 p.m., the DMC convened a meeting of the faction to discuss Prime Minister Menachem Begin's proposal concerning a Knesset anti-Palestine Liberation Organization consensus.

When the DMC returned to the plenary at about 2:45 and started voting with the opposition occasionally, a count was called for four times when the vote seemed close. Each time, however, the vote was 45-47 coalition votes against the 27-30 votes of the Alignment, DMC, the Democratic Movement for Peace and Equality (Communists and Black Panthers), and that of the Independent Liberals' lone MK, Gideon Hausner.

During one of the close votes, on an amendment calling for the restoration of an item cut from the education budget, there was a heated discussion between NRP whip Yehuda Ben-Meir and his NRP comrade, Shmuel Stern-Katzen, over the latter's



A Jerusalem municipality gardener provides a service above the call of duty to help cool off a local youth during the heat wave yesterday.  
(Ben-Ami, Surphot)

## Searing heat empties streets

Weather forecasters predict more of the same today

Enervated Israelis continued to keep indoors — or under water — yesterday as the near-record heat wave registered another day of blistering dry heat inland and almost unbearable humidity along the coast.

The weatherman predicts a slight easing today — apparently of one or two degrees. And the meteorological institute said the heat wave should begin making way for normal weather at the weekend.

The cooler weather will be due to a low-pressure ridge moving in from the central Mediterranean which will expel our present heat wave to Iraq. Yesterday's hottest city in the country was Be'er Sheva, where the temperature reached 47 centigrade. Jerusalem registered 39 degrees, but with a bearable 80 per cent humidity (unlike the unusually high humidity earlier in the week), and Jericho registered 43 degrees.

On the coast temperatures were much lower — 31 degrees at Tel Aviv, Haifa and Gaza. But Tel Avivians sweated under an unusually sticky humidity of 78 per cent, and Haifaans

and Gazans had it even worse, at 78 and 79 respectively.

For today, the weatherman predicts that the temperature in Be'er Sheva will be 45 degrees; Jerusalem, 37 degrees; Tiberias, 43 degrees; and in the coastal plain, 32 degrees.

Commenting on the recent 36-39 degree temperatures in Jerusalem — 10 degrees above the normal for this time of the season — the weather forecaster said such August temperatures had been recorded in the city on only 11 days during the past 60 years. But the worst heat wave recorded had come earlier — a six-day stretch in August 1981 that reached a peak of 44.4 degrees on August 28 of that year.

Magen David Adom, which was on a "heat wave" alert, reported no unusual amount of heat prostrations. The reason was that most persons were forewarned and took proper precautions, such as drinking frequently, wearing light clothes and a hat, and keeping out of the boiling sun.

In Jerusalem, Magen David Adom however reported that it had handled about twice the usual

number of cases yesterday. Director Haim Vigorik said that 19 people had to be taken to the hospital. There had also been 15 cases of people fainting in the street.

Ten ambulances had been put on duty, but it had not been necessary to use them all, he said.

Jerusalem police chief Zvi Ben-Eliashu said police work had gone on much as usual, with no particular rise or fall in crime or traffic accidents. If anything, he added, people tend to be a little more careful under exceptional conditions.

In Jerusalem, as elsewhere, officers working outdoors had been provided with soft drinks yesterday. Also suffering from the heat were the animals in the Jerusalem biblical zoo. The keeper there said the zoo staff had been busy all day providing extra water.

Especially thankful for the water was a hippo named Matilda, who stood contentedly while a keeper aimed a hose into her mouth. More uncomfortable was a Himalayan bear which unsuccessfully tried to

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## Twelve officers held in police probe of burglaries and theft on duty

**By ARTHUR KEMELMAN**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV.** — Eight policemen, including one officer, were arrested during the last 48 hours by a special investigating team on suspicion of theft and burglary. Another was arrested on suspicion of sodomy with an Arab youth.

Yesterday's arrests bring to 12 the number of policemen arrested since Monday night. Staff Sergeant Major Leon Kahanner, Sergeant Major Emmanuel Klein and Sergeant Avraham Yabloni were remanded yesterday for 15 days each.

In a hearing with a courtroom packed with policemen Sgan-Nitsey Eliyahu Levi, head of the special squad told the magistrate of various felonies allegedly committed by the three veteran policemen.

Levi claimed that Kahanner had stolen many valuables from burglarized flats he was called to investigate. In a search of the Staff Sergeant Major's flat police allegedly found many expensive articles, including engraved pens whose origin Kahanner could not explain.

Kahanner and Yabloni had also found a Bankomat electronic credit card, Levi claimed, with which they drew IL4,400 from the account of the card's owner, Yabloni has

also reportedly confessed to perfecting a method of his own for smashing shop windows, had stolen photographic equipment and a diamond, and had planned a burglary with another unidentified man, he said.

Kahanner denied his superior's allegations and claimed the objects found in his flat were part of a collection.

The affair began four days ago when an officer saw one of the suspects holding a medallion which was allegedly stolen from an attaché case the officer was checking for explosives.

One of the policemen is being questioned for allegedly committing sodomy with an Arab youth.

The nine arrested officers will be brought to court today or tomorrow. More arrests are very possible.

All the 12 men now under arrest are sergeants except for one inspector who is chief sapper in the Tel Aviv police district. About half of the arrested policemen are sappers. It is believed that they stole items from bags they were checking for explosives.

Six of the arrested officers have already been freed. The rest, including the inspector, have been suspended from the force. The police spokesman said there was definite evidence that all the dismissed policemen had committed felonies.

Although all the policemen are from the Yarkon precinct, they did not act as a gang, according to the police spokesman.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg, in a statement released by the spokesman's office at National Police Headquarters, praised police Inspector-General Haim Tavori for the speed and decisiveness with which the police displayed once suspicions were raised against members of the force.

## 'Son of Sam' denies he's Berkowitz

**NEW YORK.** — Suspected mass-killer David Berkowitz — "Son of Sam" — pleaded innocent yesterday to killing three persons and wounding a fourth in the borough of The Bronx. But before he entered the hearing by denying that he was in fact the defendant.

The man accused of being the 44-caliber killer was arraigned for the second straight day in a makeshift courtroom at Kings County Hospital, where he is under observation.

When the judge asked, "Are you David R. Berkowitz?"

"No, your honour, I am not,"

replied the 24-year-old postal clerk, clad in blue pajamas and a blue-and-white robe.

Defence attorneys, who entered the innocent plea for him, said they were surprised by the statement.

Immediately after Berkowitz's response, his counsel asked that no further questions "be directed at the defendant and that he be allowed to stand mute." Berkowitz remained quiet for the remainder of the eight-minute proceeding.

On Tuesday Berkowitz pleaded innocent to charges of murdering two young women and wounding five persons in the Bronx.

## Rumania hosts Begin today

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Prime Minister Menachem Begin and his wife Aliza begin an official visit to Rumania today. They will be the guests of Premier and Mrs. Manea Manescu, but Begin will also hold talks with Rumania's President and longtime Communist Party chief Nicolae Ceausescu.

The party of officials accompanying the Premier will be headed by the Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, Ephraim Evron, and includes the Premier's personal assistant Yehiel Kadishor, Advisers Yehuda Avner, Dan Pattir, and military aide Tet-Aluf Ephraim Poran.

Pattir left for Bucharest early to set up press facilities for the 26 newsmen who are covering the visit.

Most of the political talks will be held today and tomorrow. Begin intends to take up Rumania's constant support for the PLO, a long-held position which he considers dangerous but still amenable to reasonable persuasion. There will also be discussions on how to broaden trade and tourism.

The Rumanian authorities are apparently hoping that the visit itself will help stimulate increased Israeli tourism to their country, currently running at around 17,000 per year, and accounting for less than one per cent of the flood of visitors who pour into Rumania.

The Begins and their party are to spend some time on Sunday and Monday touring resort sites in the Carpathian mountains. They will also visit the ancient Jewish centre of Jasi, now a thriving modern town.

The weekend itself is reserved for the Jewish community of Bucharest. Begin will attend services at the central synagogue, where he will speak on Shabbat morning.

Chief Rabbi Moshe Rosen told an Israel Radio interviewer last night that he and his wife would host the Begins at their home on Friday night. The community as a whole is throwing a reception for the Premier and his party in a large communal restaurant on Saturday night.

Rabbi Rosen said Begin's insistence on observing the *halachot* of *shabbat* and *kashrut* during his visit was a "great kiddush hashem" (sanctification of the Name). The Rumanian authorities, though they found some of the requirements strange, were going out of their way to help facilitate the fulfilment of all the religious needs of the Premier and his party, Rabbi Rosen said. Thus while touring in the mountains Begin would be provided with food from the communal restaurants, and the communal *meshikhah* (kashrut supervisor) would accompany the Prime Minister's party to ensure that all dietary rules were observed.

## Car insurance 'certain to rise' despite Ehrlich

By SHLOMO MAOZ

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

Attorney-General Aharon Barak made it plain to Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich yesterday that the Minister could not prevent a rise in car insurance premiums. The premiums will increase by 14.2 per cent on September 1, according to the Compulsory Car Insurance Law of 1976.

However, to satisfy Ehrlich, who wants to delay the rise to January 1, 1978, the two decided to set up a joint committee made up of representatives from the Treasury and Ministry of Justice to re-examine the points in the law that influence premiums.

The committee may be able to prevent another rise of about 15 per cent on January 1.

Last week the Finance Minister met the representatives of insurance companies who oppose postponing the insurance increases. It was then that Ehrlich asked Barak to clarify the legal problems involved in the compulsory car insurance law.



Real or false? ...

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Golan	8	27-30
Nahariya	68	19-23
Safad	22	28-30
Haifa Port	22	28-30
Tiberias	41	23-25
Nazareth	35	23-27
Afula	44	22-26
Shimon	60	23-26
Tel Aviv	73	27-32
B-G Airport	26	24-34
Jericho	56	23-24
Gaza	79	27-31
Beer-sheva	40	24-28
Elia	8	30-37
Tiran Straits	7	28-43

**SOCIAL & PERSONAL**

A group of Lebanese youths called yesterday on Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir. The boys had come through the Golan Heights as guests of the Israeli Public Committee for Aid to Lebanon and of the Jerusalem Municipality.

Members of the UJA's Faculty Mission met last night for a working dinner with MK Yitzhak Rabin.

Twenty-eight trade union leaders from South America and two from Spain have begun a month-long seminar in cooperative studies organized by the Histadrut and the Foreign Ministry.

Yedida Be'eri has been elected president of Malraz (the Public Council for the Prevention of Noise and Pollution in Israel). Prof. Shimon Gitter, outgoing president, will be taking sabbatical leave.

**Two women drown in midnight swim**

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Two young women drowned early yesterday morning in the Yarkon River estuary near the Reading power station in north Tel Aviv.

A worker at the power station heard the women calling for help after midnight and alerted the police, navy and fire brigade. The search party, aided by a navy patrol boat, combed the area which was illuminated with a large searchlight but found nothing during the night. At 7 a.m. the bodies of Yardena Reuven, 20, and Geula Ozer, 27, both of moshav Ein Ya'acov, who had drowned while bathing, were found.

**U.S. policy encourages Egypt to buy Mirages**

Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — The Carter Administration's policy is encouraging Egypt to purchase additional French-made Mirage 5 combat aircraft instead of comparable U.S. models F-15's, "Aviation Week and Space Technology" reported on Monday.

The magazine said that Egyptian defence officials are showing increased interest in procuring two squadrons of Mirage 5's or Mirage 60's powered by more powerful engines.

**Barnard and brother make death pact**

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — Heart transplant pioneer Dr. Christian Barnard and his brother, Marius, have made a death pact that either will take the life of the other if life becomes "not worth living" and suicide is not possible, the "Johannesburg Star" reported yesterday.

The Johannesburg newspaper, in a report from Cape Town, quoted Barnard as saying that the duty of a doctor is not to keep a patient alive. "One must give a patient a good life and when that is no longer possible, one must give him a good death."

He also said he thought patients should make provisions for their deaths by securing promises that their doctors would take their lives when life becomes a burden, the newspaper said.

**Law may ease way for PLO in Washington**

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — President Jimmy Carter has signed legislation which makes it easier for representatives of the PLO, the Communist Party and other organizations to visit the U.S.

The new law, which eliminates the requirement that the PLO and other formerly-restricted organizations obtain a special waiver from the Justice Department to enter the U.S., makes it easier for these groups to establish offices in Washington.

The Hearst newspaper chain's diplomatic correspondent here, John Wallich, disclosed these previously unknown facts yesterday.

The legislation, introduced by Sen. George McGovern (D-S.Dak.) as part of the annual State Department authorization bill, was designed originally to bring U.S. entry visa policy in line with Carter's professed human rights policy, which calls for freer movement of peoples.

But it now appears that the PLO will stand to gain from the new law, which removes it and other groups once considered "terrorist" from a Justice Department list that automatically denied them entrance into the U.S.

Although a PLO official still must apply for the waiver, the new law requires it be granted unless the Secretary of State certifies to Congress on an individual basis that the applicant's admission poses a national security risk.

Until now the PLO has had difficulty obtaining visas for its officials to open an office in Washington, although it does maintain two separate offices in New York.

Earlier this year, the PLO sent Sahri Jirjis to Washington to establish an office, but he was asked to leave the country when it was learned that he had lied about his birth place on his visa application.

"There's no problem in opening an information office," a State Department official told the Hearst papers. "That permission was given. All they (the PLO) have to do is register with the Justice Department and file periodic reports on their activities."

"The reason this is not a going concern is that they haven't got anyone to staff it. That's where obtaining an entry visa comes in. What's changed now is that the Secretary of State has to send a letter to Congress to prevent them from coming in."

The State Department's spokesman yesterday said that he would check into the matter of PLO requirements to open a Washington office.

Administration officials cautioned reporters against interpreting the new law as signalling a shift in U.S. policy toward the PLO. "It doesn't," one official said. "It's just coincidence."

**Dayan: U.S. orchestrating drive to legitimize PLO**

TEL AVIV. — Washington is leading a shift of world opinion toward acceptance of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said yesterday, on his return from a one-day visit to London.

"I don't know if it is a sharp turn, but there is a change, starting with the U.S.," he said.

"They are the leaders — although they are not speaking yet with the PLO, they are trying to find ways to legalize them," Dayan said.

During his London visit, Dayan briefed leaders of British Jewry on recent talks with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and on indirect contacts expected with Arab foreign ministers in New York next month.

Dayan dismissed speculation that he had met with King Hussein of Jordan in the British capital, saying, "the only Arabs I met were the ones wandering about the hotel corridors."

Dayan said he had gone to speak to the British Jewish leaders because some of them had been suggesting that Israel stop its settlement activity for the time being. He said he explained the situation to them, and that they had ended by coming out against the criticism being voiced against Israel lately on the subject.

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**Labour, DMC refuse to join Likud anti-PLO bid**

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Likud lost out to the Alignment in the Knesset lobby yesterday when the latter pulled the Democratic Movement for Change in its own direction over the issue of Israel's attitude to a Palestine Arab identity.

Observers took this to mean that the chances of a coalition between the Likud and the DMC were receding still further, and that the chances were improving for a pragmatic working cooperation between the DMC and the Alignment.

The Likud was disappointed at the two parties' refusal to go along with its bid to convene the Knesset next week with a wall-to-wall resolution by all Zionist parties, rejecting a Palestine Arab state and negotiations with the PLO.

Premier Begin's bureau head and personal secretary, Yehiel Kadishai, dug back into the official Knesset record of November 1973, and found that the Alignment had sponsored such a resolution, approved by all the Zionist parties, rejecting negotiations with the PLO and attendance at the Geneva Conference if the PLO were invited.

Kadishai walked around the Knesset lobby telling journalists that the Alignment was "denying its own political principles and showing its lack of political understanding."

The Alignment will submit one motion with its own signatures, and the DMC will submit another motion with the aid of additional signatures from the Alignment. Thirty signatures are needed, but the DMC has only 15 MKs of its own.

Both motions will cover the broad aspects of the Alignment's policy with special reference to erosion in the U.S. stand on recognition of the PLO.

The Government may well seek to forestall the combined Alignment-DMC onslaught and present a statement of its own, followed by an anti-PLO resolution such as Begin had envisaged all along. Even so, the two opposition parties will still present their motions, to show an independent line.

**Ship officers won't halt partial strike**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A meeting yesterday between representatives of the Marine Officers Union and Deputy Minister Yoram Aridor, called to discuss the former's partial strike, was inconclusive.

Aridor, who requested the meeting, asked the union leaders to stop the strike, promising that the government would decide on taxation for seamen within a week. But union men did not undertake to halt the strike, because Aridor could not promise them that the Treasury would allow the shipping companies to pay officers their advances in dollars.

Union secretary Yeshayahu Groman told The Post the meeting had been friendly, with Aridor promising an "open door" at all times. But he said he doubted the union would call off the strike before receiving more concrete results.

The strike — from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. — is affecting a dozen ships in the country's ports, but has not yet been applied on Israeli ships in foreign ports.

**Mapam won't merge with kibbutz groups**

Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Mapam's Kibbutz Arzi has informed the two other kibbutz groups — Kibbutz Hamenuhah and Kibbutz Hahadash — that it does not seek to join their merger discussions.

This was reported Tuesday to the Kibbutz Hamenuhah central committee which decided to hold a special council discussion on the subject. It appears that two of the veteran leaders of Abud Ha'avoda's kibbutz movement, Yisrael Galili and Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, oppose any merger with the Hnuh, which was traditionally tied to Mapam.

However, "younger" leaders like Yigal Allon and Danny Rosolio favour such a union of the kibbutz federations. The Hnuh unanimously favours such a move.

**Dutch coalition aborted**

THE HAGUE (AP). — Attempts by Socialist Premier Joop Den Uyl to form a new coalition government appeared close to breakdown yesterday because of a wrangle with the Christian Democrat Party over moves to liberalize abortion.

The Christian Democrats, led by Justice Minister Andries Van Aart, a Roman Catholic, have refused to accept proposals aimed at letting women decide freely on abortion.

**FINAL DATES for submission of matriculation results should be extended, Hebrew University President Avraham Harman told Elizer Shmueli, director-general of the Education Ministry.**

JERUSALEM'S ROCKEFELLER Museum will be closed between September 1 and 12 for refurbishing.

His colleagues of the Israel Bond Office extend sincerest condolences to David H. Zysman on the untimely passing of his son

**BENNY**

Her daughters, Elizabeth Hraz, Jerusalem  
Doris Krasnansky, Nahariya  
Her granddaughters and her family



Edson, 6, son of Brazilian soccer star Pele, practices while his father works out with his team, the New York Cosmos, in New Jersey yesterday. (UPI telephoto)

**Rule proposed to bar MKs from taping each other**

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset Building Immunity Law may be amended to make it an offense for one Knesset Member to tape-record the remarks of another surreptitiously.

This idea emerged in conversations in the Knesset lobby yesterday, following the recent incident in which Ehud Olmert's dialogue with Menahem Cohen, secretary to Charlie Biton, was surreptitiously recorded and then released to the press.

The House Committee is due to discuss the incident at a special meeting Monday, demanded by Eliezer Seldel and Amnon Linn, both of the Likud bloc.

Olmert yesterday wrote Speaker Yitzhak Shamir, charging that Cohen had behaved in an illegal and unethical manner, and that nobody had been present during the conversation except for Cohen — certainly not Biton. Olmert demanded that measures be taken against Cohen, and that a police enquiry be opened.

A police enquiry will not be opened, however, until somebody files a complaint — something which Olmert has not yet done.

The Knesset Speaker, meanwhile, is taking no action until the House Committee meets next week. The Knesset Sergeant-at-Arms, Yitzhak Ben-Gal, has ordered his man that should Cohen enter the Knesset building, he should be brought into his bureau for a conversation about the recording incident.

Biton has been telling his acquaintances that he, and not Cohen, brought the tape-recorder into the building and operated it. If that is so, Biton would not have been committing an offence under the present law.

Health Minister Eliezer Shostak, who was the senior member of the Independent Centre faction which merged into the La'am party and then the Likud bloc, warmly praised Olmert's blow, saying, "This is a campaign against crime for a couple of years now, and I have every respect for him," Shostak said. "There are very few Knesset Members who would have the courage to take the risks he is taking and do so much for the public welfare."

**Judge remands four suspects in IL500,000 drug haul**

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Four men arrested when police found IL500,000 worth of heroin in the Kerem Hameizmanim quarter on Monday evening were remanded in custody by a magistrate here yesterday.

Police found about 50 grams of heroin, from which 1,000 doses fetching IL500,000 in the streets, can be prepared. The heroin was allegedly found in the bra of the mother of one of the suspects, David Cohen. Police said Cohen has admitted the heroin was his, but claimed that he did not know the name of the man who had sold him the drug. The other three men, Gad Bodlander, Yoram Nekef and Yehuda Levy, claimed they knew nothing about the drug, police said.

A police representative said that Cohen was arrested in his mother's flat together with Bodlander and Cohen's mother, sister and wife. Nekef and Levy were arrested as they approached the flat, he said.

Besides the large quantity of heroin, police said they found minute scales for weighing the drug and bags for its distribution.

Investigators were convinced that Cohen's wife and sister knew nothing about the drug and released the two women, the representative said. Bodlander, who claimed he came to the flat to buy a used car, was remanded for nine days, along with Nekef and Levy, who were each ordered held for six days.

BRUTAL ROBBERY — Two young men suspected of brutally beating an old man while he robbed his home were remanded yesterday for five days by a Haifa magistrate. Police claimed that Rafi Dahan and Claude Peles were the two masked men who broke into Yisrael Minister's flat in Kiryat Yam on Monday night, hit the old man in the face, gagged his mouth with socks, and robbed him. Police want to question the suspects about a long series of robberies and bag-snatching that have recently plagued Kiryat Yam.

FRAUD — Haifa police claimed yesterday that Michaela Leventhal had used stolen identity cards and cheques to defraud Haifa merchants of goods worth tens of thousands of pounds. The magistrate agreed to extend the remand for Michaela Leventhal for another seven days after police said they had received more than 20 complaints from merchants who had allegedly been defrauded by the woman.

DRUGS — Tel Aviv police, continuing their campaign against drug pushers and users, made several arrests yesterday. In Jaffa, police arrested a man who was apparently looking for two syringes and found opium nearby. Another two youths were arrested in possession of hashish by separate street patrols.

In Jerusalem, police arrested five young men near the city's Zion Square after finding two syringes and five narcotic pills in their possession.

**Knesset passes new Court Law**

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday unanimously passed on its second and third readings the Courts Law (Amendment No. 7), 1977.

The law empowers the magistrates courts to hear small claims of up to IL160,000. The previous ceiling had been IL50,000.

The new law also stipulates that such claims that have already been put on the calendars of the District Courts shall continue to be dealt with there.

**Knesset briefs**

LAW COMMITTEE Chairman David Glass has asked Premier Menahem Begin not to take any action on the Asher committee's recommendations on ministers' possible conflicts of business interests, until the Law Committee has studied the issue. The committee studied several weeks ago, but decided to defer all discussion till the Asher committee had finished its work.

THE INTERIOR Committee yesterday supported Interior Minister Yosef Burg's decision to set up a public committee on prison improvement. Tabling recommendations on a motion by Charlie Biton (Democratic Front) about the Beer-sheva prison troubles, it urged that building expansion at Beer-sheva to ease overcrowding be completed as soon as possible.

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**Libya to Waldheim: Egypt will attack us again**

BEIRUT (UPI). — Libya's official Arab Revolution News Agency said yesterday that Col. Muammar Gaddafi has notified visiting UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim of Egypt's "intentions to launch a new military attack" against Libya.

The agency said the notification was made during a two-hour meeting in Tripoli on Tuesday night between Gaddafi and Waldheim.

Meanwhile the two countries, began exchanging prisoners of their steady border war last month, a military spokesman said.

It was the first concrete sign of a thaw in relations between the two countries following a four-year political feud, which culminated in fighting with warplanes, rockets, artillery, armor and paratroops July 19-24.

News of the reconciliation conflicted with reports in the Communist Party newspaper "Fravda," warning that tension along the Egyptian-Libyan border was growing. The "Fravda" article was signed "observer," usually a sign of high-level political authority.

The article warned that renewed conflict would help Israel, a charge which both sides repeated following a unilateral cease-fire announced by Sadat on July 24.

Sadat's call for a halt to all military operations came after mediation efforts by Algerian President Houari Boumedienne, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Syrian, Kuwaiti and Iraqi officials. Libya never officially accepted the arrangement, but the border has been calm since.

**Budget decisions await U.S. response**

By SHLOMO MAOR  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Only after he meets next month in Washington with U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Michael Blumenthal will Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich be able to present a firm outline for the 1978/79 state budget, observers believe.

The reason is that the American commitment on economic and military assistance will have a significant effect on the development of the Israeli economy next year.

Most of the economists who met in Tiberias on Monday and Tuesday for high-level budget discussions are convinced that it will be practically impossible to add more taxes next year. The Governor of the Bank of Israel, Arnon Gafny, made that clear. However, prices on subsidized commodities will probably be increased gradually as will costs of such public — and subsidized — services as education, medical treatment, hospitalization and public transport.

Ehrlich and Deputy Minister Yeha'el Flumin attended the Tiberias meeting but did not address it.

It appears that the only noteworthy budget cuts possible next year would be in the Defence outlay; the other ministry budgets are unlikely to be reduced further.

The state budget will probably top IL455,000m., with repayment of local debt claiming approximately IL80,000m. Inflation, it is hoped, will be kept to 23 per cent or less.

**El Al dollars to be reviewed**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The foreign currency component in the salaries of El Al air crews will be re-examined in October when the negotiations on a new work agreement will begin. Deputy Finance Minister Yeha'el Flumin promised the Knesset Economic Committee yesterday.

The committee asked the Treasury to submit to it each work agreement between El Al and its employees, before confirmation by the Ministerial Wage Committee.

Flumin told the committee the government had to affirm the latest work agreement with the air crews, because the former government had done so and the new government does not wish to renege on government promises. He also promised to review the expense allowance, which is now \$25 per day.

Many members of the Knesset Economic Committee, from both the Likud and the opposition, criticized the work agreement, claiming it badly influences the wage scale not only of El Al but also the rest of the economy.

**Austrian group decries anti-Jewish acts**

VIENNA (UPI). — The Austrian Action Group Against Anti-Semitism yesterday appealed to the government, the churches and to all Austrians to condemn recent anti-Jewish acts.

In the past few days tombstones in the Jewish section of the Vienna central cemetery were desecrated by unknown criminals, and anti-Jewish slogans were smeared on walls of a downtown synagogue and on a memorial for Sigmund Freud, the father of psychoanalysis.

THE "BUY ISRAELI" programme that was tried last year in 10 schools will be expanded to 100 schools in the Tel Aviv area in the coming academic year, the Education Ministry said yesterday.

**MORE HEAT TODAY**

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immense itself in a waterhole about 50 centimetres in diameter.

Benefiting from the hot weather were the capital's swimming pools and ice-cream parlours, all of which were unusually crowded all day long.

Throughout the country water supply continued normal. Mekorot spokesman Mordechai Jacobovitch told The Jerusalem Post that it was fortunate the heat-wave had come toward the end of summer, and was confident that water will not run short.

But while farmers had an adequate supply of water, the heat had felled many of their chickens. Michael Bender, spokesman for the Poultry Marketing Board, said the damage had been especially bad in the hill country, but that the PMB had not managed to receive a clear picture of the situation yet.

At present there are large surpluses both of eggs and poultry, so there is no fear of a shortage. Poultry farmers were yesterday trying to fight the heat by ventilating chicken coops as much as possible and sprinkling them with water.

Vegetables and fruits were not thought to be affected so far, but farmers feared damage if the heat continues for long.

In the north — whose normally crowded scenic drives were nearly deserted due to the heat — mobile fire-patrols were put into action in the Jewish National Fund's afforestation department yesterday evening — following two nights of forest fires which had caused great damage.

Department head Sharon Weiss told The Jerusalem Post that some 500 dunams of forest had been destroyed in the Umm-el-Fahm and Megiddo areas. At Umm-el-Fahm a young village was threatened on suspicion of arson in a neighboring wood, and two more suspects are being sought.

In the Belt Shean and Jordan valleys temperatures rose to 45-47 degrees in the shade yesterday, but no particular damage to farming was reported. Farmers yesterday started intensive irrigation, and though farmwork continued, it was carried out at a much reduced pace due to the heat and fatiguing heat.

Along the shore of Lake Kinneret at Tibias a large number of visitors had to be treated for fainting, fatigue, sun-stroke and dehydration, but there were no serious cases. Many of the Arab construction workers did not turn up yesterday.

In Haifa there were eight cases of fainting and three brush-fires caused by the heat. The far smaller Negev town of Otatim registered 18 fainting cases.

Far to the south, the Magen David Adom station at Mitzpe Ramon in the Negev came to the aid of four young tourists from Germany, Switzerland and the U.S. who suffered heat-prostration on the road to Eilat.

The heat wave, which has been gripping much of the Near East, was responsible yesterday for what were called "catastrophic" forest fires in Greece, which threatened to exceed the 1974 record of 216,000 dunams destroyed.

**PLO REJECTION SEEN**

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determination, national independence and — most objectionable to the Israelis — the right of the Palestinians to return to their homes in what is now Israel.

However, few PLO officials now believe that the U.S., with veto power in the Security Council, would agree to such phrasing.

The pessimism is based on a series of Israeli moves which included the extension of government services to inhabitants in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and the establishment of new settlements there.

The PLO saw the moves as a further sign that Israel was determined to annex the areas. It also viewed the U.S. to be neither willing nor able to exert pressure on Israel.

U.S. condemnation of the step did little to placate the PLO. "Either Americans are powerless to influence their friends or they are in collusion with them," one official said. "In either case we are left in the cold."

"So why should we agree to compromises? What are we getting in return?"

Many Palestinians here feel that the Israeli moves have served to swell the ranks of sympathizers with the "rejection front" which is opposed to any peaceful settlement of the Middle East conflict under the present balance of power in the area.

The leading rejection front organization, Dr. George Hahash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) has said it would boycott today's meeting because it did not want to be involved in any discussions of Resolution 242.

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# U.S. and China differ on success of talks

PEKING (AP). — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance claimed yesterday to have gained ground towards normalization of U.S.-Chinese relations.

But Teng Hsiao-ping, newly rehabilitated deputy premier, did not seem to share Vance's appraisal as they dined by moonlight at a lakeside imperial palace.

Bluntly, Teng advised his American guest in a banquet toast that "Our view is that we should move forward to full normalization of relations." This was interpreted as a demand that the U.S. give in to the Chinese.

Significantly, Teng, who took charge of the talks for the Chinese side in mid-afternoon, did not claim progress. U.S. officials could not point to any easing of China's demands that the U.S. terminate its relations with Taiwan.

So far, today's subside remains open. Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, who met a low-ranked emissary from Zambia earlier in the week, has not yet granted Vance an audience.

Still, the Secretary of State was described as determined to fulfill the Carter Administration's commitment to achieve closer ties with Peking.

Before Vance's arrival Hua said in a speech concluding the 11th Party Congress that the U.S. must break diplomatic relations with Taiwan, cancel its defence pact with the nationalists and withdraw American troops and installations from the island of Taiwan and the straits of Formosa.

Despite a statement by a U.S. spokesman after the first meeting with Teng that the "candid" talks were proceeding at an "accelerated rate," most observers said the Chinese remained adamant in their demand that the terms outlined in Hua's speech were a prior condition for normalization.

Carter administration officials have promised not to abandon the nationalists, who fled to the island after the communist military victory on the mainland in 1949. But there has been speculation that the U.S. might offer to break formal diplomatic relations while maintaining the existing economic relations and the guarantee to protect the nationalists from invasion.

In view of Hua's speech, this did not seem to be enough of a concession to get the Chinese to agree to exchange ambassadors.

Teng, twice purged and twice restored to power, posed enigmatically for photographers as he received Vance and lectured American correspondents accompanying the Secretary. Now 73, Teng's handshake was firm, his eyes clear and he appeared sprightly.

"I have read some of what you are writing," he told the journalists with a smile. "Some of it is accurate, some is not."

Vance, looking for a formula to better ties without casting Taiwan adrift, has been emphasizing the mutual interest of Peking and Washington in countering Soviet influence in such areas as Africa.

In Moscow, the Soviet Union issued a warning yesterday that new Chinese attempts at reconciliation with the West are a threat to world peace.

A political commentary carried by the Tass said Peking is trying to provoke a deterioration in U.S.-Soviet relations and is encouraging a step-up in the arms race.

The warning was carried in a major analysis of China to be published in the monthly "Kommunist." It was excerpted at length by Tass on the day the U.S. Secretary of State met with deputy Premier Teng.



U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance (left) shares a lighter moment with China's Foreign Minister Huang Hua at a gymnastic event in Peking on Tuesday night.

# Sri Lanka orders curfew as Tamils flee violence

COLOMBO (AP). — Sri Lanka's curfew was extended to ten hours yesterday in what government sources said was an attempt to calm the fears of minority Tamils, many of whom have been attacked during recent violence on the island. The curfew will now be in force from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Many Tamils have fled their homes in Colombo and have expressed a desire to go to Jaffna, on the northern side of the island. Sri Lanka's national carrier, Air Ceylon, yesterday began a shuttle service to Jaffna, the capital of the Tamil-dominated northern province, and the government-owned shipping corporation finalized arrangements for two sailings to enable evacuees to leave Colombo.

A government spokesman said that tension prevailed in the Trincomalee area where 13 people had died within 72 hours ending Tuesday midnight. In Colombo's Pettah, the city's crowded bazaar area, the army and navy assisted police to prevent a recurrence of the violence which led to 17 stabbings, two of which were fatal.

Three fires were also reported in this area where some Tamil-owned shops were attacked.

The Sri Lanka government said it believes a political conspiracy had fuelled the wave of violence.

In a communique issued after a cabinet meeting yesterday the government said: "It appears that some people who were in power and have now lost that power have attempted to obstruct the endeavours of the government to provide speedy relief to the mass of the people."

In an apparent reference to the Sri Lanka Freedom Party of Mrs. Bandaranaike, defeated in the July elections.

Tamils in the south Indian city of Madras stopped work yesterday to show their solidarity with the Tamils in Sri Lanka. Madras, located in the predominantly Tamil state of Tamil Nadu, was brought to a virtual standstill with most shops closed and buses and taxis not operating, according to India's national news agency.

Sri Lanka's Tamil problem dates to the 19th century when southern Indians went to the Indian Ocean island to clear the jungles and work in the coffee and tea plantations owned by the British.

Today, about 22 per cent of Sri Lanka's 14 million people are Tamils. Roughly half of these are referred to as "Ceylon Tamils."

Their ancestors have lived in Sri Lanka for generations and they enjoy full voting rights. The other Tamils are referred to as "Indian Tamils," and as a result of post-independence legislation in 1948 only about one-tenth of them have the right to vote.

India has also refused to recognize the Indian Tamils, leaving them in effect stateless. For years Indian Tamils, who are Hindus, have alleged that they have suffered political, social and economic discrimination at the hands of the Sinhalese, the Ceylonese Buddhists who make up 70 per cent of the population.

# Carter seen offering aid for Ulster

LONDON (AP). — U.S. President Jimmy Carter was reported on Tuesday to be ready to offer U.S. economic aid to Northern Ireland (Ulster) as an incentive to peace in the troubled British province.

In a dispatch from Washington, the London "Daily Telegraph" said "Carter is expected to make a public statement soon setting out America's willingness to help Northern Ireland's economic recovery once a peaceful solution to its problems has been worked out...The move will be in response to representations from leading Irish-American political figures, including senators Edward Kennedy and Patrick Moynihan, to U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, earlier this summer."

The BBC reported from Belfast that Carter had sent copies of what he intends to say to the Irish and British governments. No confirmation of this report was obtainable early yesterday. There was no indication of when or where Carter will outline his proposal.

# Tourists leave strife-torn Basque region

MADRID (UPI). — Tension in the Basque region rose yesterday as a result of new street violence and authorities' refusal to permit a mass meeting scheduled for Sunday in Pamplona in support of some rule.

For the fifth consecutive day, Basque protesters clashed with police in San Sebastian and other towns Tuesday night. The mayor of San Sebastian said about 40 per cent of the northern seaside resort's tourists have left the strife-torn town.

The government of Premier Adolfo Suarez also faced problems with its month-old austerity programme for stabilizing the economy. Labour spokesmen yesterday called the plan unacceptable.

Politicians fear that the programme, aimed at reducing inflation, unemployment, and a growing trade deficit will spark massive strikes.

Wildcat strikes have been sweeping Spain in the past weeks, affecting the hotel, transport and construction industries. In the latest strike development, leather industry leaders decided to lock out 40,000 shoe workers who struck in Alicante Province demanding an 80 per cent pay hike.

# Cholera in Turkey

ISTANBUL (UPI). — Turkey's top selling newspaper "Hurriyet" reported 50 people in Ankara and 16 people in the southeastern part of the country had died from cholera in the last week.

# New Anglo-U.S. bid for Rhodesia accord

LONDON (UPI). — Foreign Secretary David Owen and Andrew Young, U.S. Ambassador to the UN, will make another southern Africa trip this weekend to present a joint Anglo-American peace package for Rhodesia to African leaders, the Foreign Office said yesterday.

In Salisbury, a Rhodesian government spokesman said Owen is due in Rhodesia on September 1 for talks with Prime Minister Ian Smith. But he did not know whether Young, who has been bitterly criticized by Rhodesian Government officials, would also come.

A Foreign Office spokesman in London said "it can be assumed" that Owen and Young will meet Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith. He said it is not yet sure whether this will be in Salisbury or South Africa.

Smith was scheduled to hold talks in Pretoria on Saturday with South African Prime Minister John Vorster.

A Foreign Office statement said Owen will meet Young tomorrow in Lagos, where a world conference for action on apartheid currently is taking place.

The two then will fly to Lusaka for a meeting on Saturday with Rhodesian black nationalist leaders and the five so-called front line presidents or their representatives.

The five front line states are Tanzania, Mozambique, Botswana, Zambia and Angola.

"Dr. Owen and Mr. Young will explain to them in detail proposals for a settlement in Rhodesia," the Foreign Office said.

The Anglo-American plan calls for a transfer of power to a black majority government in Rhodesia in 1978.

In Lagos yesterday, Young said the U.S. will never supply arms to any of the black nationalist movements fighting in southern Africa. He told reporters at the UN-sponsored World Conference on Apartheid that "my understanding is they have got to learn to live together, and that is what I have been working towards."

Rhodesian black nationalist leader Bishop Abel Muzorewa yesterday dissolved his party's central committee and national executive.

Speaking at a press conference a few hours after returning to Salisbury from London, Muzorewa said the hierarchy of his nationalist organization, the United African National Council (UANC), will be entirely restructured. He denied the UANC was having a crisis of leadership following the spate of recent resignations — including vice-president Elliott Gabelah — from the organization's executive.

In Johannesburg, a spokesman for the Soweto Students Representative Council (SSRC) said a black student leader had fled South Africa to Botswana after police tried "anything in their power" to arrest him.

Trofomo Soro, 20, president of the militant SSRC, is the fourth leader the organization has had, and the third one to leave the country.

More than 20 members of the Council have been arrested in the last two weeks, the unnamed spokesman said. "This has set us wondering what could be happening, and after long discussion with the executive committee it was felt that Trofomo should leave."

Maj.-Gen. David Kriel, in charge of riot control, said the story was "farfetched" but offered no further comment.

# U.K. airports crippled for ninth day

LONDON (UPI). — British Airways cancelled six flights to the U.S. and Canada yesterday, and 52 short range hops in a continuing snarl of Britain's air traffic.

Officials at London's two main airports said traffic was flowing "fairly smoothly" up to mid-afternoon.

"But we expect a real buildup later," said one source at Heathrow, the main airport.

The nine-day old dispute involved a go-along by air traffic control assistants who are pushing a five-year old pay claim. Airline workers were being controlled manually because of their action, and airborne traffic jams caused long delays and flight cancellations.

The British government stepped into the dispute directly on Tuesday. But a midnight failure of 5½ hours of talks left the situation unchanged.

Employment Secretary Albert Booth was baying another try late last night at negotiating a settlement with the Control Assistants' Union and Civil Aviation Authority officials.

The real threat was an all-out strike of control assistants which would hit the weekend, a weekend extended by a legal holiday in Britain which is perhaps the peak period of the year for airline travel.

Up to one million passengers could be hit by a full strike, airline officials estimated.

# 15,000 police, dogs battle students in Sao Paulo protest

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP). — More than 15,000 police using dogs and tear gas battled thousands of students shouting "down with the military regime" in parts of this city's downtown area on Tuesday.

About 40 persons were reported arrested. Observers said several persons were injured, most of them by blows from clubs wielded by police.

The demonstrations in Sao Paulo, Brazil's largest city, were repeated in other cities yesterday by students protesting arrests of their colleagues — particularly in Rio de Janeiro and Brasilia, the capital — for alleged involvement in subversive activities.

The wave of demonstrations began earlier this year following the military regime's April closing of the National Congress in Brasilia. Among student demands are a return to democracy and increased student participation in university policies.

# Singer's mistress sues for \$20m.

SANTA MONICA, California (UPI). — Actress Britt Ekland is suing pop star Rod Stewart for up to \$20m, following the break-up of their relationship, according to legal documents filed here.

Under California law, Ekland, who lived with Stewart in a Beverly Hills mansion, is claiming a settlement similar to one possible if the two had been married.

Ekland, who was once married to actor Peter Sellers, is demanding \$2m for helping promote Stewart's career as a rock singer, \$8m for alleged fraud and deceit, and \$10m in punitive damages.

# French resort, lobsters saved from oil menace

PARIS (AP). — A six-month struggle to save a popular French resort island and its famed lobsters from the black menace of a sunken oil tanker ended on Tuesday in apparent success.

The price was high — two deep-sea divers and a soldier died in the operation, and \$80m was spent. But the struggle to save the island, lobster beds and beaches around Sein Island, a choice vacation spot in the Atlantic off the Brittany coast.

In a unique environmental rescue operation, the French government pumped hot water into the wreckage 100 metres under grey seas, forcing to the surface what was left of the trapped oil. There it was burned off.

"As the burning went on, we saw traces of pollution disappear little by little," Alain Lerol, mayor of Sein Island, said.

Workers say only "residual" pockets of petroleum now remain in "negligible" quantities. In the 24 holds of the East German tanker Bohlen, sprawled on the seabed 20 kilometres northwest of the island.

The Bohlen sank in a storm last October, carrying almost 10,000 tons of Venezuelan crude oil bound for East Germany. Twenty-six members of the 37-man crew, including the captain, perished.

Eleven survivors were plucked from the heavy seas by French navy rescuers, but all were whisked out of the country three days later, before French authorities could question them about the sinking. Despite a naval inquiry, the cause remains a mystery.

# Saudis buying up sand

SYDNEY (AP). — An enterprising Australian firm has started selling sand to the desert kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

An official publication of the Department of Overseas Trade said the company, Celco Pty. Ltd., has shipped 102 tons of Australia's best sand to Saudi Arabia to be used for sandblasting steel tanks.

The tanks will be used to carry water to oil installations in the Saudi Arabian desert.

According to the Department of Overseas Trade, Saudi sand is too fine for sandblasting.

# Soviets return rats from space in int'l satellite

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet multinational research satellite Cosmos 936 returned to earth this week with an experiment module carrying 30 white rats.

The Soviet Communist Party daily "Pravda" said yesterday that Cosmos 936 completed its mission and returned the module to earth on Monday.

The research satellite — a project in which Soviet, American, French and Czechoslovakian scientists participated — was aimed at working out life support systems to protect astronauts during long space voyages.

"Soviet Deputy Health Minister Avelik Burnazyan told 'Pravda' that the scientists were particularly concerned about the effects of heavy particles on astronauts during long space trips.

The daily said Cosmos 936 successfully completed its series of experiments, which included studies on the effects of artificial gravity, radiation, and space effects on immunological reactions.

# Burmese seize drugs

RANGOON, Burma (AP). — Intelligence agents raided two houses near the Thai-Burmese border last week and seized a massive quantity of narcotics hidden in underground cellars and walls, the state radio announced yesterday.

About 675 kilograms of heroin, opium and morphine were found last Friday in Mochile and two persons were arrested while several others escaped into Thailand.

# Cyclist pedals to aeronautic victory, and \$85,000 prize

SHAFER, California (AP). — A 24-year-old bicyclist flew a pedal-driven plane over a 2.2km. course here Tuesday and claimed an \$85,000 prize offered by the London Royal Aeronautical Society for the first sustained man-powered flight.

The flight, believed to be the first ever accomplished over the stipulated distance, was certified by William Richardson, an official of the Kern County aviation department.

Pilot Bryan Allen had been trying for weeks to steer and pedal the specially built craft around a figure-eight course marked by pylons a kilometre apart without touching the ground between takeoff and landing.

"He almost made it yesterday but missed a 'T' that he had to cross 3 metres high," said Vern Olderebe, structural engineer on the project.

# Newsman get rare look into Ogaden

WERDER, The Ogaden, Ethiopia (AP). — Sand, rocks, and scrub brush. This semi-desert region in southeastern Ethiopia is an inhospitable land, an unlikely prize for two armies to fight over.

But for three and one-half days, the Ogaden's ethnic Somali inhabitants have shown their love for the barren land and evidence of their fight to free it from Ethiopian rule during an impressive series of mass demonstrations and tours of recent battlefields for visiting Western newsmen.

"Down with Mengistu Haile Mariam," "Unite all Somalis," "We want to be free" — the chants of villagers and nomads filled now-placid settlements this correspondent visited during a 750-kilometre trek in "liberated" zones of the Ogaden.

In Warar, Kalafo, Gode and here in Werder, the orchestrated chants were supplemented by visits to former Ethiopian military garrisons captured by Somali insurgents last month during heavy fighting between guerrillas of the Western Somali Liberation Front (WSLF) and Ethiopian soldiers.

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# U.S. and Cuba to resume limited diplomatic ties

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. and Cuba plan to open diplomatic "interest sections" in each other's capital Sept. 1. It will be the first formal contact between the two since relations were severed in 1961.

In preparation, an advance party of Cubans is refurbishing the old Cuban embassy in the northwest section of Washington. Officials say the building will be one of the best guarded in the city.

In Cuba, Americans are working on the U.S. chancery and the ambassador's residence. Career diplomat Lyle F. Lane will head a 10-member U.S. diplomatic mission in Havana. The Americans will live in apartments that already have been leased in the Cuban section, considered the best location in Havana.

According to State Department sources, the interest sections will devote themselves largely to such matters as cultural and sports exchanges. They will not deal with the substantive issues which divide the two countries.

The sources also speculated on the reason Castro has suddenly opted for direct diplomatic relations with the U.S. after 16 years without them. They believe Castro wants more leeway in his international dealings. He is now totally dependent on the Soviet Union, which could wreck the Cuban economy in no time by withholding oil and credits and refusing to buy sugar. Cuba is more dependent on Russia now than it was on the U.S. in 1963, the year before the revolution.

# Newsman get rare look into Ogaden

WERDER, The Ogaden, Ethiopia (AP). — Sand, rocks, and scrub brush. This semi-desert region in southeastern Ethiopia is an inhospitable land, an unlikely prize for two armies to fight over.

But for three and one-half days, the Ogaden's ethnic Somali inhabitants have shown their love for the barren land and evidence of their fight to free it from Ethiopian rule during an impressive series of mass demonstrations and tours of recent battlefields for visiting Western newsmen.

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At Mastabel, a collection of mud and thatch huts perched on the banks of the Shebele River, two shots from a WSLF sentry concealed in the bushes brought hundreds of villagers into the village square.

For nearly one hour, old men, women and children banted political slogans, brandished rifles, meat cleavers, sticks and others weapons in a frenzy of hatred of Ethiopia. They later did traditional dances to celebrate their liberation from a nearby Ethiopian garrison last month.

The scene was to be repeated in seven villages and towns visited by newsmen, who were accompanied by an officer of the WSLF and a Somali Ministry of Foreign Affairs official.

At Gode, a major Ethiopian fortress town until last month about 230 km. from the Somali border, about 2,500 people dressed in tattered Ethiopian army uniforms and traditional dress lined the road into town.

They also performed re-creations of the fall of Gode July 24 when an undisclosed number of guerrillas captured Ethiopian military installations.

Soldiers carrying rifles had to push back demonstrators on several occasions when they charged newsmen with knives and axes. The charge was not malicious but an over-enthusiastic portrayal of their resentment of Ethiopian rule in the past.

Governed by Ethiopia since the last century when former colonial powers ceded the region, Somalis in the Ogaden have waged sporadic resistance, but actual combat between guerrillas and Ethiopian forces only erupted in earnest in mid-July.

In Gode, as in Warar, Kalafo, and

# Werder, heavy fighting took place between guerrillas and Ethiopian forces during the last two weeks in July as the Front, apparently heartened by successes of secessionists in northern Ethiopia, stepped up attacks on Ethiopian army garrisons.

Gode was a vital military post of the Ethiopian command in the southern Ogaden. Its 2.5-km. airstrip made it the focal point for supplies and reinforcements for the region.

Five thousand soldiers were garrisoned in the town and airplanes from the base were said by a WSLF spokesman to have conducted attacks on nearby villages suspected of guerrilla activity.

On July 12, an undisclosed number of insurgents began the attack on Gode, a plan that had been hatched some two years earlier, a WSLF spokesman said.

After 12 days of bitter fighting, 1,500 Ethiopian soldiers were captured, an undisclosed number killed.

The former Ethiopian bases in Gode today are shells. Quonset hut barracks were flattened by WSLF mortar fire, trucks litter the area, but burst out bulks riddled with bullet holes.

At the palace — a home built for Ethiopia's former emperor Haile Selassie — not a window was left, and its walls were pock-marked by bullets.

Situated on a hill, the palace housed a military and civilian delegation when guerrillas struck on July 12. The occupants, including a Swedish count noted for flying medical supplies to Biafra during the secessionist war with Nigeria in the 1960s, were killed.

The WSLF showed newsmen its cache of captured weaponry: American-made mortars, East European machineguns, and the tangled wreckage of what they described as an F-5 fighter jet.

Seven Ethiopians taken prisoner elsewhere in the Ogaden were presented to newsmen at Gode. One prisoner claimed he was kidnapped from his farm in Ethiopia and forced to join the peasant militia, a 300,000-man force created by Addis Ababa authorities to counter insurgent movements throughout the country.

In Warar, a hilltop fort overlooking the verdant Wabeshebele Valley, the two-story headquarters of the Fifth Ethiopian Commando Battalion stood like a stark sentinel with its roof blown off.

On the grounds stood ten American-made armoured personnel carriers captured by WSLF guerrillas.

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# Tourists leave strife-torn Basque region

MADRID (UPI). — Tension in the Basque region rose yesterday as a result of new street violence and authorities' refusal to permit a mass meeting scheduled for Sunday in Pamplona in support of some rule.

For the fifth consecutive day, Basque protesters clashed with police in San Sebastian and other towns Tuesday night. The mayor of San Sebastian said about 40 per cent of the northern seaside resort's tourists have left the strife-torn town.

The government of Premier Adolfo Suarez also faced problems with its month-old austerity programme for stabilizing the economy. Labour spokesmen yesterday called the plan unacceptable.

Politicians fear that the programme, aimed at reducing inflation, unemployment, and a growing trade deficit will spark massive strikes.

Wildcat strikes have been sweeping Spain in the past weeks, affecting the hotel, transport and construction industries. In the latest strike development, leather industry leaders decided to lock out 40,000 shoe workers who struck in Alicante Province demanding an 80 per cent pay hike.

# Cholera in Turkey

ISTANBUL (UPI). — Turkey's top selling newspaper "Hurriyet" reported 50 people in Ankara and 16 people in the southeastern part of the country had died from cholera in the last week.

# Singer's mistress sues for \$20m.

SANTA MONICA, California (UPI). — Actress Britt Ekland is suing pop star Rod Stewart for up to \$20m, following the break-up of their relationship, according to legal documents filed here.

Under California law, Ekland, who lived with Stewart in a Beverly Hills mansion, is claiming a settlement similar to one possible if the two had been married.

Ekland, who was once married to actor Peter Sellers, is demanding \$2m for helping promote Stewart's career as a rock singer, \$8m for alleged fraud and deceit, and \$10m in punitive damages.

# French resort, lobsters saved from oil menace

PARIS (AP). — A six-month struggle to save a popular French resort island and its famed lobsters from the black menace of a sunken oil tanker ended on Tuesday in apparent success.

The price was high — two deep-sea divers and a soldier died in the operation, and \$80m was spent. But the struggle to save the island, lobster beds and beaches around Sein Island, a choice vacation spot in the Atlantic off the Brittany coast.

In a unique environmental rescue operation, the French government pumped hot water into the wreckage 100 metres under grey seas, forcing to the surface what was left of the trapped oil. There it was burned off.

"As the burning went on, we saw traces of pollution disappear little by little," Alain Lerol, mayor of Sein Island, said.

Workers say only "residual" pockets of petroleum now remain in "negligible" quantities. In the 24 holds of the East German tanker Bohlen, sprawled on the seabed 20 kilometres northwest of the island.

The Bohlen sank in a storm last October, carrying almost 10,000 tons of Venezuelan crude oil bound for East Germany. Twenty-six members of the 37-man crew, including the captain, perished.

Eleven survivors were plucked from the heavy seas by French navy rescuers, but all were whisked out of the country three days later, before French authorities could question them about the sinking. Despite a naval inquiry, the cause remains a mystery.

# Saudis buying up sand

SYDNEY (AP). — An enterprising Australian firm has started selling sand to the desert kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

An official publication of the Department of Overseas Trade said the company, Celco Pty. Ltd., has shipped 102 tons of Australia's best sand to Saudi Arabia to be used for sandblasting steel tanks.



## Sad week for law and order: grand for the National Front

LONDON. — Police with riot shields, street battles, hundreds of arrests, scores of injuries to police and public. No, it did not happen in war-torn Belfast but in London last week and, a few days later, in Birmingham.

It was the week of the National Front. It began on Saturday with scenes of violence unequalled in this country for many a year and was strongly reminiscent of the days of Oswald Mosley. The occasion was a deliberately provocative march through Lewisham, a South London borough with a high proportion of coloured people. This was followed, a few days later, by another march in Birmingham and the week of violence ended with a National Front candidate finishing third in a parliamentary by-election in a Birmingham constituency, ahead of the Liberal candidate.

If it was a sad week for law and order, it was a grand week for the National Front — the right-wing, extremist, self-acclaimed racist party — providing it with greater publicity in the space of eight days than it has had in all of the 10 years since its formation in 1967. It was born out of a merger between two other extremist racist groups, the League of Empire Loyalists and the British National Party.

There can hardly be a person in England today who has not heard of the National Front, though few know its real aims. A cursory glance at its literature will show that it stresses pride in Britain — which is all very well. But this pride, it believes, can be achieved only through racial purity and at the expense of alien elements. These are principally the coloured population, West Indian and Asian alike, who are the current prime targets of the Front.

But there is little doubt that it is equally against the Jews, even if its present tactics play down this element, and that if it were not for the blacks and browns, the Jewish community would be the main butt of its attacks. Even so, much of its recent propaganda has been anti-Jewish and anti-Zionist. Many of its leading figures have a long record of anti-Semitism.

Over the past couple of years, the Jewish community has tended to ignore the signs of the growing menace of the National Front. But its leaders, especially those responsible for defence matters, have been fully aware of it. That is why Martin Savitt, chairman of the Defence Committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, marched through Lewisham together with the local mayor and bishop at the head of a demonstration against fascism and racism, just a few hours before the scenes of violence.

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Jerusalem Post Correspondent



London police haul away a demonstrator from an anti-National Front protest in London. (AP wirephoto)

That afternoon, extreme left-wing organisations staged a march in Lewisham in protest against the National Front and its policies. Despite massive police reinforcements and strenuous efforts to keep the two groups apart, there were over 100 people injured and taken to hospital, and many arrests made.

Nevertheless, the Home Secretary and the commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Force, who ignored loud demands to ban the marches, are still resisting calls for prevention of future National Front marches. Encouraged by this lenient attitude, the Front is already planning similar marches, the next one being scheduled for September in Streatham, another South London area with a high proportion of coloured immigrants.

Birmingham also was the focus for National Front activity last week. One of its leading members, Anthony Reid-Herbert, a solicitor, was standing in the Ladywood constituency of Britain's second largest city, in a parliamentary by-election. The three-week campaign had a heavy racist tone. A banner proclaiming

"The National Front is a racist party" was proudly displayed outside its election headquarters.

Just as the vote of the Front candidate was about to be announced, scuffles broke out in the town hall. Reid-Herbert was thrown to the ground by an angry Asian. When order was restored, it was announced that the National Front candidate had obtained just under 900 votes, 6 per cent of the total. This was not near as many votes as the Front had hoped for, but enough to beat the Liberals and to reinforce its claim that it is now the real "third party" in Britain and the only alternative to the Labour-Conservative system.

The Front is gaining momentum. Of that there is no doubt. But its claim to be replacing the Liberals is exaggerated and the publicity it is getting is out of all proportion to its membership, which is estimated at about 10,000.

Still the National Front cannot be written off as a flash in the pan. It is here to stay, at least for the foreseeable future, or until another of its frequent internal squabbles forces the kind of split that has characterised Britain's extremist parties ever since Mosley.

In the meantime, it is planning to make its presence felt at the next general election, due to be held some time within the next 12 months. It intends to field over 500 candidates — enough to give it free prime time on radio and television for party broadcasts, allocated on the same basis as to the three main parties.

What are the implications of all this for the Jewish community? Over the past couple of years, the Front has tended to play down the warning of those concerned with defence. Clearly it can do so no longer. "Last week sounded an alarm bell for the Jewish community," Savitt told me on Monday.

He foresees a stepping-up of the Front's anti-Jewish attacks. "As these general campaign grows in intensity, it is inevitable. They cannot hide their anti-Semitism."

Savitt is now busily engaged in arousing the interest of all responsible bodies, including the churches, and forming an anti-Fascist organisation whose main aim will be to smash the National Front by democratic means. He believes that this can be done by simply exposing its real aims and ensuring that people turn out to vote whenever the Front puts up a candidate, thus reducing the percentage of the extremist vote.

And to those in the Jewish community who still feel that they are safe as long as there are blacks around to be attacked, Savitt has a simple answer: "Racism is indivisible."



(David Posner)

## AT THE MERCY OF EGGED

VIEW FROM THE NORTH / Ya'acov Ardon

TWO DAYS ago the official spokesman of the Haifa municipality published what in the newspaper trade is known as a press release under the headline: "The dispute between the municipality and Egged is getting sharper." The next reports that the municipal transport committee (an ineffectual body with scant legal powers) had held "a comprehensive debate" on the public bus services in the city. "The representatives of the municipality expressed the strong dismay of the residents with Egged's services," the statement said.

The background of this sudden interest of the municipality in the city's bus services which have been poor for years and have during the past years gone from bad to worse, is not hard to guess. For well over a quarter century a Labour Party majority has run city hall in a paper coalition with some other small parties. Through all these years, the successive Labour administrations, from that of Abba Khoussy to the present one of Mayor Yeruham Zeisel, have displayed a patent indifference to the daily transport suffering of the car-less public. Egged had Haifa in its pocket.

There were indeed disputes between city hall and the cooperative, but these concerned issues like the unfortunate location of the central bus station (for which Mayor Khoussy bears the blame), bus stops or even financial matters, etc. But never the quality of services to the residents.

It is true that city hall has no legal standing to force Egged to provide reasonably adequate bus services. Egged enjoys, so we are told, a franchise to operate bus services in the city, excluding anybody else except some *sharad* taxi lines. Egged has never hesitated to take full advantage of its monopoly and to run its services as it saw and sees fit. Fitness in this case is the best interest of its own members, with that of the passengers the least consideration.

THE MUNICIPALITY has done nothing effective to act against this abuse. It could have protested, in the absence of legal powers of its own, to the Transport Ministry. The solution of the men at city hall has been to buy themselves cars, private cars, often with loans from the city.

The consequences of had bus services have been disastrous in and for the whole country: hundreds of thousands of citizens have been driven to buy private cars to escape the daily torment of going to work and back home in overcrowded buses during rush hours. This proliferation of cars has clogged the narrow streets of our towns, slowing down still further the progress of the houses and driving still more people into buying cars of their own. Transport engineers and traffic

police have measured this decline in the average speed of traffic flow. In Haifa it was still 53km. an hour in 1967. Today it is perhaps half that speed or even less. A transport engineer at city hall forecasts a slow-down to 14km. an hour by 1985 unless "something is done about it." The economic cost of this abuse of mechanical equipment and waste of energy and man hours is staggering.

The forgers of this chain of reactions have been successive transport ministers who have taken no action to stop the trend. Gad Ya'acobi, an economist by training and a career-minded politician by disposition, stated glibly that "we have not enough inspectors to put on every bus." As if that were necessary. This *Jerusalem Post* has time and again drawn attention to the public transport misery in Haifa. It has called on city hall and the Haifa Labour Council to take up the case of the ill-treated passengers (the majority of whom in Haifa are Histadrut members). They never went beyond mere verbiage. Egged had and has the city at its mercy, or rather the lack of it.

Came May 17 this year and showed that the average citizen had enough of a party that ignored the day-by-day needs of the public. The election results accomplished what newspaper protests failed to do: to

stir the city administration (still controlled by an absolute Labour majority) into doing something about the bus services.

Less than ten days ago, a municipal committee did what it should have done years ago: it checked Egged's timetable against actual performance. The findings could not have surprised the passengers: Egged treats its own bus schedules with contempt. Its representatives argued that Egged is called upon to provide buses to the armed services, for various public events etc. If these were valid reasons for the bad service, Egged should have alerted the Transport Ministry, the public and the press to protest against such extraneous calls on its fleet.

The fact is that to this day there is no effective public control over the cooperative. The acting Mayor of Haifa, Yosef Bustein, said in the press release that to the best of his knowledge, "Egged has in the past two years not added a single bus to its services in Haifa. Worse still, when a bus is sent to the workshops for repairs or for servicing, no bus is provided to replace it." Today the city hall representatives will meet with the director general of the Transport Ministry to discuss what can be done. It will be a test for the new minister. Far more is at stake than the quality of urban life. Good public transport services, by bus and train, can save the country huge sums now spent on private cars, trucks and on fuel and spare parts.



Sporty looks for Fashion Week shoppers: Left, large and easy three-pieces in silky "Angelou" leather by Beged-Or, and his and hers in white rainproof canvas by Beged-Or Bils.



## Escapades of middle-aged nihilists

AMICI MIEI, (My Friends), Dekel Cinema, Tel Aviv. With Gaduse Merckin, Philippe Noiret and others. A film by Pietro Germi. Directed by Mario Monicelli. Italian 1976.

AMICI MIEI recounts the romping escapades of a group of middle-aged Italian men, whose friendship is

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cemented by a love for nshurd pranks. Created and partially filmed by the late Pietro Germi, the film

offers an assortment of shenanigans which vary from good farce to empty motion. But for the most part the activities of the self-styled "gypsies" are as stale as warmed-over college pranks retold to one's wife 20 years later. (The translation of the dialogue is rough and loses what might be subtleties in the humor.)

A box office smash in Italy, "Friends" produces some real laughter in a few scenes: the friends jumping up and slapping the faces of passengers hanging out of a departing train; or making a phony survey of the centre of a small village for demolition, as the assorted townspeople stand dumbfounded and the village priest panics. But Germi is best remembered for his brilliant "Divorce Italian Style" and its sequel, "Seduced and Abandoned."

"Friends" is far too thin on comic fare, and the inherent possibilities of the characters are lost in their demeaning activities. The film deteriorates into an overlong account of the friends' "coming" and humiliation of a dumpy, retired postal clerk who is convinced by their elaborately-staged schemes that he has been recruited into a group of gangsters.

The film opens with, and is stitched together by, a pretentious set of quasi-philosophical comments, intended to give depth and meaning to the otherwise pointless antics of the characters. But it is depressing to take it seriously. Philosophically, it may be reduced to the argument that the absurdity of life can be made tolerable — and even enriched — by outrageous, juvenile behaviour.

F.A. Bryman

After a two-year fight, she beat out 13 others for the job

## Our woman in the Washington embassy

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TAMAR AYIDAR, women's editor of "Ma'ariv," spent the last two years fighting for the job of attaché for women's affairs at the Israeli Embassy in Washington. "Now that I've won the fight and am leaving for Washington at the end of the month, I hope it was all worth it," she said in a recent interview.

Tamar Ayidar's desire to be women's attaché stemmed from a lecture tour she made in the U.S. two years ago, during International Women's Year. The idea of speaking before women's groups had not enthused her at the time, she said, but when she got there and met the American women (Jewish and non-Jewish) she changed her mind. "I left here an Israeli and came back a Jew," she said. When told this sounds like a cliché, she replied: "I'm usually very cynical, and if I say a thing like that you can believe me."

At the end of her successful lecture tour, she applied for the job of women's attaché. The workers' committee at the Foreign Ministry objected to an outsider getting the job. "Stella Levy was an army commander so that was different. There was another journalist before me,

Ada Cohen, but she got the job because her husband worked at the embassy."

After no suitable candidate for the job was found within the foreign ministry, it was advertised publicly and Tamar Ayidar, one of 14 women who applied, was accepted.

Is there really a need for a women's attaché in these days of women's liberation? "I don't intend to change the American way of life. The fact is that in America women's organizations are important political and social forces. A woman has a better chance of developing contacts with women's organizations and with influential women individually."

She will not really have a specific work programme until she arrives in Washington and works with the embassy's information officer, and with the rest of the embassy staff. "I know that on my lecture tour two years ago, I had prepared lectures on everyday life in Israel. But I soon

discovered that the women wanted to hear about the political situation." She therefore assumes that explaining Israel's political position will be one of her chief duties.

"What I can tell you, so far, is that diplomacy is apparently very different from journalism. I was invited to a dinner with Mrs. Vance — the first time I went to such an event not as a journalist. This time, my job was not to ask too many questions. I didn't have to note everything everyone said or wore in order to report on it. You also don't see results right away in diplomacy, the way you see today's news story, in tomorrow's paper."

Tamar's husband, television personality Amos Ettinger, will not have a specific job at the embassy, though Tamar is sure his writing and directing talents will be used in planning Israel's 30th anniversary celebrations in the U.S. His real intention is to use the two years in Washington for studying and writing. "I have been given the status of head of household and on his diplomatic passport it says he is the husband of... He went to Washington before me to get an apartment and make other arrangements, but the Foreign Ministry said he isn't entitled to liv-



Tamar Ayidar (R. Meisels) ing expenses until I get there. It's a good thing he has a sense of humour."

## How long do dogs live?

PETS' CORNER / Israel Even Chen

WHAT is the life expectancy of the average dog or cat?

Far shorter than it should be, that's for certain. A dog or cat can easily reach his late teens if properly looked after — and not overfed or under-exercised. Actual statistics are a shock. The average dog only lives four years and the average cat, only three.

MY UPSTAIRS neighbour's bitch is in heat. How can I keep all the dogs in the area from congregating outside my apartment door?

Ask your neighbour to purchase 0.01 of Citronella, available in most drugstores. If she cannot find it, any pet store will carry a commercial brand of spray or liquid containing odour masking properties for the bitch in heat. The oil, or spray, should be applied to the bitch's hindquarters, under the tail, and to all four feet, before she is taken out.

Or the dog may be given up to four veterinary chlorophyll tablets, or Amplex pills, a day during the heat season. These are not hormones, but merely deodorant pills.

I suggest that you also wash the area immediately in front of your door with bleach, or kerosene. A commercial cleaning product containing disinfectant will also do the job. Disinfecting the odour of the bitch in heat is the only answer to discouraging male callers.

MY 2-year old German Shepherd is shedding heavily. In addition, he has large dandruff-like flakes.

It sounds as if your dog is suffering from a dry coat. I would suggest one-half teaspoon of oil or margarine be added to his daily diet. Once monthly, you might also give him good rub-down with mayonnaise mixed with some luke-warm water. Let it remain on the coat for about an

hour, and then bathe him. The oils will remain in the coat. Be sure to use only a mild dog shampoo.

MY one-year-old puppy is perfect except for one problem. He gets on my living room couch and tears through the slip cover in any direction to hide a ball. What can I do?

Get hold of a good sized cardboard carton and fill it with shredded newspapers or old rags. Whenever you catch this dog in the act of digging any place else, pick him up bodily, shake him and quite strongly insist, "No, no." Immediately place him in the carton, and using his front paws, make a scratching and digging motion. Whenever he jumps into his box by himself, praise effusively. Naturally, during the training period, you must not leave his ball available while you are not at home.

MY CANARY sings all day but has a very muted voice. We can barely hear him. Is he ill?

If your canary is fully mature and has never sung in a loud clear voice, it is possible that he has an abnormality that results in an impaired auditory feedback, so that he puts a damper on the intensity of the sound he produces. It could also be that he's not happy. Try hanging a mirror in his cage; or better yet, get another canary (male) for him to compete with, but not in the same cage.

I ADOPTED a stray kitten and found he had ear mites. My vet cleaned his ears and told me to do the same every day. The problem is not improving.

There is a specific cure, an acaricide, or mite-killing liquid which your vet should have prescribed. Either return to your vet for the proper medication, or change vets, before complications develop.

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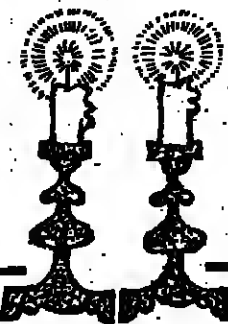
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## Profit-taking sends share market down

TEL AVIV. — The share market moved lower yesterday but as profit-taking set in, the trading turnover diminished noticeably and totalled only 114.5m. Almost all sectors of the market participated in the downward trend.

Basically the market continues to exhibit underlying strength. Many investors are girding themselves for the next new financing, that of Bank Hapoalim.

Among the commercial banks IDB prof. was a good feature as it rose by 18 to 610. Union Bank tanked on seven to 587.5, while Mizrahi was losing two to 287.5. Bank Leumi and Hapoalim gained one each in heavy trading, which put both shares on the most active list.

Mortgage Bank shares were hit by profit-taking. General Mortgage was 17 lower at 525 and Mortgage and Development lost seven to 398. Tefatub was unchanged at 456. Agricultural Bank was "sellers only" and fixed at 319.

Insurance company shares were markedly lower. Aryeh was a full 5 per cent lower at 317. Sahar gave up 20 to 975, while Tsur traded 71 lower at 301.

Israel Cold Storage IL10 was 40 lower at 1,015.

Land development and real estate shares were weak.

Israel Citrus Plantations was 34 lower at 581. Property and building lost 11 to 375.5. Rascon went against

the trend, as the preferred shares gained two to 350.

Industrials reflected the general trend. Elron IL2 was allowed to float downwards by 56 points to 980. Paper Mills was 15 lower at 415. Alliance grudgingly gave up 25 to 1,421. Argaman pref., a recent strong feature, lost 10 to 480.

Investment company shares were also lower. Elgar (B) was almost 6.5 per cent lower at 410. Central trade was 7 per cent lower at 559.

The convertible debt sector, influenced by the downward movement of shares, was also lower.

The Nativ investment dollar was unchanged in spite of an offer of \$83,000 which resulted in a turnover of \$440,000.

With the exception of optional loans, which moved higher by about half of a per cent, the index-linked bond market was generally lower.

The general index of share prices fell by 0.59 per cent to stand at 179.64.

Most Active Issues

Hapoalim (B) 254+1	114,181,000
IDB 218+1	114,007,000
Bank Leumi 234+1	114,000,000
Union Bank 234+1	114,000,000
Argaman 234+1	114,000,000
Elron 234+1	114,000,000
General Mortgage 234+1	114,000,000
Mortgage Bank 234+1	114,000,000
Development 234+1	114,000,000
Tefatub 234+1	114,000,000
Agricultural Bank 234+1	114,000,000
Insurance 234+1	114,000,000
Property and building 234+1	114,000,000
Israel Citrus 234+1	114,000,000
Land development 234+1	114,000,000
Real estate 234+1	114,000,000

DEBT LINKED	24.8.77	24.8.77
5% Dead Sea	b 1699	1699
5% Dead Sea Junior	b 585	585
5% Electric Corp. B.	r 380	380

PURCHASE IN DOLLARS	24.8.77	24.8.77
Holds 22	125.5	126

C. of L. LINKED	24.8.77	24.8.77
(Principal and Interest)		
Abnorp. 1987 (1)	b 758	758
Abnorp. 1987 (2)	b 811	811
BIL 1988 (41)	b 382.5	382.5
BIL 1989 (41)	b 382.5	382.5
BIL 1989 (41) (65)	b 410.5	410.5
BIL 1989 (41) (91)	b 341	341

OPTIONALS	24.8.77	24.8.77
Dev. 286	b 448.5	448.5
Dev. 313	b 360.5	360.5
Dev. 4% (3001)	b 279.5	279.5

CONVERTIBLES	24.8.77	24.8.77
10% IDB	r 235	235
15% Mizrahi (2)	r 295	300
7% Leumi (5)	b 246	246

10% Delek	r 285	285
10% Disc. Inv. (72)	b 260	260

BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	24.8.77	24.8.77
Osar Hityashrut	r 544	544
I.D.B. Bond	r 810	810
I.D.B. Bondholding	r 315	315
Union "A"	r 587.5	587.5
Discount "A"	r 387.5	387.5
United Mizrahi	b 287.5	287.5
Hapoalim	b 610	610
Leumi "A"	b 354	354
Gen. Mortgage	b 582	582
Dev. & Mortgage	b 588	588
Housing Mortg.	b 587	587
Tefatub 3% pref.	b 476	476
Tefatub 5% pref.	b 586	586
Ind. & Dev. 8% pref.	r 326	326
Aryeh	r 317	300
Haashev Insurance	b 804	804
Sahar — "C"	b 970	980

REAL ESTATE, LAND DEVELOPMENT AND CITRUS	24.8.77	24.8.77
Asorim	r 265	265
Africa Israel IL10	r 1005	1005
lar. Land Dev.	b 587	582

## WALL STREET

ASA Ltd.	15 1/4	Fair Cam	26 1/2	Mobil	61 1/2
Am Motors	3 1/2	Gen Dyn	42	Monsanto	57 1/2
Amer. T. & T.	63	Gen Fyrm	67 1/2	NCR	45
Alt Rich	54 1/4	Gen Motors	57 1/2	Occ Pet	23 1/2
Avco	15 1/4	Gen Tel	51 1/4	Phi Pet	29 1/2
Avon	47 1/2	Gen Tire	24 1/4	Polaroid	29 1/2
Bell How	20 1/4	Gillette	26 1/2	RCA corp.	25 1/2
Beth St.	20 1/4	Grace	26 1/2	Royal Dutch	26 1/2
Boeing	67	Gulf West	12 1/4	Sears Roe	21 1/4
Brist My	39 1/4	Honywell	49 1/4	Sony	35 1/4
Burgess	70 1/4	IBM	267 1/2	Sperry Rand	76 1/2
CB&I	27 1/4	Int Paper	46 1/2	Teledyne	37 1/2
Calanese	43 1/2	Int. T. & T.	75 1/2	Texas Ins	27 1/2
Chase Man	32 1/2	John John	17 1/2	TWA	27 1/2
Chrysler	14 1/4	Liton	15 1/2	Twent Cent	23 1/2
Coca Cola	39 1/2	Lockheed	17 1/2	U.S. Steel	23 1/2
Cou 24	23 1/2	Macy	37 1/2	West Union	24 1/2
Crown Sell	23 1/2	Medco-Doug	24 1/2	Woolworth	15 1/2
Curtis Wri	—	Merr Lynch	15 1/2	Xerox	64 1/2
Dow Chem	—	Min M	61 1/2	Zenith	19 1/2
Dupont	—				
East KDK	—				
Exxon	48 1/2				

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## MARKET MOVES LOWER

NEW YORK (AP). — The stock market moved lower yesterday in fairly heavy trading. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks fell more than two points half an hour before the close. Losers held a narrow lead over gainers. Some investors seemed to be waiting for the Commerce Department's latest monthly report on the U.S. export-

import trade figures, scheduled to be released today. The U.S. trade deficit hit \$2.8 billion in June. Analysts think another nearly \$3b. deficit could be critical to the market.

## Britons emigrate

LONDON (UPI). — More people are leaving Britain than are coming in, the Office of Population, Census and Surveys said yesterday. During the first three months of this year an estimated 31,000 persons came to live in Britain and 47,000 left — a net loss of about 16,000 people.

## DISPLAY ROOM OF THE PHILATELIC SERVICES

HEVRA LEHILUL KRANIT BNLIMANUT B.M.	24.8.77	UNIT PRICE	DESCRIPTION PRICE
ETAN ALMOG	288.30	288.30	
ADIF TZABAR	218.31	218.31	
ERIZ	176.30	176.30	
	368.06	368.06	

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MURELLA Artistic coloured wallpaper.

The great kitchen gift ROBEX



"House-painting" in Jerusalem's Nahlat Shiva neighbourhood. Artist friends of the building's owner help to give it a new look. (Rubinger)

## 'Don't blame contractors for ailing new flats'

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — If your brand-new flat begins to fall apart at the seams in a few years, don't blame your contractor. This was stated on Tuesday by Abraham Sperling, newly elected president of the Federation of Contractors and Builders. He put the blame on "the lack of enough standards of materials in the building trade — and the inability to enforce those standards that do exist."

Mr. Sperling admitted, however, that "if it comes to bad workmanship, or bad planning, you can indeed blame us. But these are generally minor matters compared to the failure to establish, and to enforce, standards of materials."

He noted that "manufacturers should register the strength of concrete on each bag they sell — but they don't. The result is that the contractor has no idea of what strength concrete he is using. One bag might be up to full strength, the next one far below."

The same situation existed in a variety of fields, ranging from pipes for water. "This is why they burst so easily," he said, "the floor and basins and toilets."

"Until standards are established in all fields, and until they are enforced, the situation will not change," he promised.

Turning to other matters, he said the Federation of Contractors and Builders wanted to establish the "Ministry of Construction" as a one-stop office. Here, the contractor could have his plans approved, could arrange to buy land from the Israel Lands Authority at "a price fixed by a public tender," could arrange for financing and so on.

He attacked the government's policy of not allowing the Lands Authority, which owned 90 per cent of all land in the country, to sell plots for building. "There is only nine per cent private land in Israel, and the amount available for private building is dwindling rapidly."

The result would be, he predicted, a mad scramble for the remaining plots, forcing prices up astronomically. He also was highly critical of the government's present policy of forcing young couples to buy — if they wanted government-sponsored mortgages — flats with a total external floor-space of 73 sqm. "Why not help them to finance the purchase of a much larger flat so that they will have to move as soon as they have a few children?"

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## El Al's 'beat the charters' plan

By MACABEE DEAN  
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TEL AVIV. — Two "beat the charters" plans were proposed by the head of El Al, on his recent trip to the U.S.

The first is to build a Jumbo seating 600 passengers, one-third more than the 450 which crowd into a normal size Jumbo. Since a plane this size would demand much more fuel, it would pave the way for lower fares.

The second, a plan proposed as early as 1973 by Mr. Ben-Ari, is to establish a "third class" department in the present Jumbo.

He said that in the future the Anglo-Franco Concorde would skim off the cream of the first-class passengers, leaving only a few to travel by regular jet service.

Thus, the first-class department

should be reduced (each aviation company has different size first-class departments) to a uniform maximum of 18 seats; another 50 seats would be set aside for "businessmen," who would receive the same service now given to the economy class; and the third-class passengers, who would travel in the "holiday" department, would receive much less service.

In fact, they would bring their own lunch boxes, but drinks would be sold aboard the plane while in flight. This would materially reduce the number of stewardesses needed.

The latter proposal, the El Al spokesman said yesterday, would probably be discussed this November when IATA representatives met in Madrid. However, it would need unanimous approval to be adopted.

(Another one of Mr. Ben-Ari's proposals, the introduction of "group fares," was adopted by IATA in 1963.)

Commenting on the government's authorization for 28 charter flights, organized by Pan-American and Capitol, to land at Lod, the spokesman said that "El Al hopes that this will not set a precedent for future charter flights from the East Coast of America to land at Lod."

The charters were originally scheduled to land at Atarot in Jerusalem, but this plan failed to obtain the approval of the U.S. government. Therefore, since the 28 flights were solidly booked, they were allowed to land at Lod.

These charter flights are scheduled for this coming October and November.

## Fair grounds face lift won't touch famous 'flying camel'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The "flying camel" symbol stays; but the rest of the fair grounds here is in for a two-year face-lifting job, Deputy Mayor Yitzhak Artzi said yesterday. He noted that heretofore the new official name of the organization would be the Israel Trade Fairs Centre.

Such names as World Handicraft Exhibitions Co. Ltd., Tel Aviv Fair Grounds and Tel Aviv Exhibition Gardens were names of the past.

Asked why the "wings on the camel" were not replaced by jets, Mr. Artzi noted that the answer was part of the folklore of Tel Aviv. "When the idea of building fair grounds here was first broached to several Arab notables in the early 1930s, they smiled and said: 'Camels will grow wings and fly before you succeed.'"

Mr. Artzi added: "We succeeded, and, of course, we couldn't think of changing the symbol."

The face-lifting project will cost a total of IL25m.

In the first stage, from now through 1978, some IL15m. would be spent on expanding and refurbishing the exhibition halls. In 1979, another IL15m. has been budgeted for the same purpose. Simultaneously, the Gan Oran restaurant would be

renovated and enlarged at a cost of IL3.5m. Air conditioning and heating would be installed where necessary to make all the buildings comfortable all year around.

"All this will increase the efficiency of the exhibition halls and fit them to the needs of the 1980s," Artzi said. He added that he expected one-third of the IL25m. to come from each of the following: the municipality, the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, and from the Trade Fairs Centre itself.

He noted that the project to build a IL50m. "Congress Hall" was taking shape, after years of discussion, but the site had not yet been selected. He hoped it would be within the fair grounds: the alternative site is along the Tel Aviv seashore in the heart of the hotel district.

Elihu Almogor, director-general of the Trade Fairs Centre, noted that in 1977, six exhibitions were being held. There would be seven in 1978. The current budget for 1977 showed a slight profit, and 1978 was expected to show enough profit to pay "income tax."

The budget for 1978 had been tentatively set for IL22m., of which IL5m. would come from exhibitors: two million from franchises and other income; and one million from earnings other than exhibitions.

## Getting more from their geese

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Local poultry growers are going to try to raise geese for their meat, rather than just for their livers, which fetch a good price abroad.

The new endeavour, some 45,000 geese will soon be imported from Germany. If this experiment proves successful, it could turn into a significant import branch, Nahum Ganz, deputy secretary of the Histadrut Moshav Movement told a group of German food buyers and ex-

perts, at a dinner held this week in their honour.

Guests, Knoebel, an exporter from Germany, told the dinner guests that he was sure that Israeli processed poultry products would penetrate the German market, despite tough competition.

Four poultry processing plants in Israel have decided to sell their products collectively in Germany under the trade name of Freilahn. Products under this name will make their public debut at the Anuga Fair in Cologne (the largest food fair in the world, opening on September 10).

## Exporters Argaman to sell fabric here

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Shoppers here no longer need travel to Marks and Spencers in London to buy Israeli-made Argaman fabrics. The same materials have now been released on the local market at cheaper prices. This was announced this week by Arcrom Ltd., a subsidiary marketing the fabrics produced by the Argaman group subsidiaries.

The printed cotton fabrics, still now directed to England and American markets, are manufactured by Umar Textiles Ltd., an Argaman subsidiary in Yavne. The materials are mainly for interior decorating — curtains and upholstery — but there are also lightweight lines for clothing.

Most of the designs, ranging from "Peter the Rabbit" pictures and fire engines to classic floral motifs, are not Israeli originals. Foreign customers send Umar their sketches and a team here decides on colours and development — usually together with the original designer who flies in for a week.

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